

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Stephen Rummels Site

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Between 57 and 61 Cornhill Street

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☒ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Bryan Mitchell

Telephone #: 268-6153

STREET &amp; NUMBER

61 Cornhill Street

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel County Courthouse

Liber #: 2372

Folio #: 797

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Church Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historic Annapolis

DATE

1970

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

18 Pinkney Street

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

AA-723

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD      | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR      | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |

**CHECK ONE**

- ☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

During the early 19th century, free blacks in Annapolis who lived throughout the town began to establish small businesses in the downtown area. Information about the lives of most of the tradespeople seems practically non-existent except for land records, church records, probate and/or chancery court cases. Occasionally, there will be newspaper advertisements as in the case of:

Stephen and Lucy Rummels who lived on Cornhill Street between present day 57 and 61. Rummels was a boot and shoemaker who also had his business in the same location. An advertisement in the "Maryland Gazette" dated, March 12, 1801 reads:

STEPHEN RUMMELS,  
 Boot and Shoemaker  
 Cornhill Street, Annapolis, in the house  
 where Dr. Shaaf formerly lived  
 Returns his sincere thanks to the public at  
 large, and his customers in particular.....

\*No. 61 Cornhill Street now stands on this location. The building belonging to Stephen and Lucy Rummels burned in the 1830's. The present structure was presumed built by James Iglehart, of Annapolis.  
 ca. 1832-35

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark

June 15, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Maryland Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

20 Dean Street

STATE

267-5955

Annapolis

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Stephen Rummels Site

57-61 Cornhill Street

July 12, 1770 Charles Wallace to Reuben Merriweather  
Lot 19 IB2:201  
Md. Hall of REcords

July 6, 1773 Reuben Merriweather to Sara Potts  
Lot 19 IB4:93  
Md. Hall of Records

August 16, 1776 Charles Wallace to Alex MacDonald  
Lot 18 B;302  
Md. Hall of Reords

Sara Potts acquired the lease on this lot thusly:  
Wallace had taken back the lease from MacDonald  
in 1771 (See B344) then after several assignments  
Sara Potts Obtained it.

Aug. 21, 1771-MacDonald to Wallace IB4:99  
July 5, 1773-Wallace to Merriweather IB4:100  
July 6, 1773-Merriweather to Potts IB4:101  
Md. Hall of Records  
(By 1773 - Sara Potts held both Lot 18 - 19)

June 10, 1819 Nicolas Brewer, Trustee of the Wallace estate to  
Stephen Rummels  
Lot 19 (61)  
Lower part of Lot 18  
To Stephen and Lucy Rummels and William and Harriet Coulter\*  
See: WSG 16:63  
and Chancery 6342  
Md. Hall of Records

\*Sara Potts was only a leasee, so this land was legally sold  
by the trustees of Charles Wallace.

1826 Stephen Rummels paid no purchase or ground rent since 1819.  
The court orders Rummels to appear in person. He fails to  
appear. The court orders the property sold.

(N. Brewer vs Stephen Rummels)  
Chancery 6342  
57-61 Cornhill Street

September 29, 1827 Nicholas Brewer, Jr. Trustee to James Iglehart

Lot 18

WSG 12:650  
Md. Hall of Records

March 23, 1831

Lucy Rummels, widow to James Iglehart\*

Lot 19

WSG 16:64  
Md. Hall of Records

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